

Defer Vote to Kill Intelligence Panel

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Washington, July 9 (News Bureau) — The House Rules Committee, considering a resolution to abolish the strige-torn Intelligence Committee, heard five hours of often conflicting testimony today, then decided to postpone a final vote on the move until tomorrow.

There was little doubt that the rules panel would vote to do away with the squabbling intelligence panel, which one rules member, Rep. James H. Quillen (R-Tenn.), described as a "source of embarrassment" to the whole House. However, the postponement did give Speaker Carl Albert (D-Ola.) time to try once more to mediate the dispute between the chairman of the Intelligence Committee, Rep. Lucien N. Nedzi (D-Mich.), and five of its Democratic members.

While the House committee argued, the Senate Intelligence Committee, which has been conducting its own probe for months, was expected to release a report on alleged CIA assassination plots within a month. Today, the Senate panel heard from Walt W. Rostow, former aide to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson; Gordon Gray, an Eisenhower adviser; and Gen. Maxwell B. Taylor, former chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff and ambassador to Saigon.

Some type of new House intelligence panel, or an already existing committee, may continue a less sweeping investigation, but it is unlikely to delve into alleged CIA misdeeds.

What particularly gripped some Rules Committee members at today's hearing were alleged "security leaks" from the House intelligence panel.

"Nothing to Leak"

"What leaks?" asked Rep. Michael J. Harrington (D-Mass.), one of Nedzi's bitterest opponents on the Intelligence Committee, who was testifying in an effort to keep the panel alive. Harrington contended that the committee "has nothing to leak because little substantive material has been turned over" by the CIA.

A few hours earlier, the House Ethics Committee, which rarely conducts any investigations, voted to look into charges that Harrington, while a member of the Armed Services Committee, had leaked classified information



Associated Press photo
Maxwell Taylor on hand to testify at Senate CIA probe.

on CIA involvement in Chile to reporters last fall.

Washington, July 9 (News Bureau) — Anthony (Little Pussy) Russo, a Mafioso from Deal, N.J., has claimed he turned down efforts by the Central Intelligence Agency to recruit him, The News has learned.

Russo, once rackets boss in the Monmouth County resort area, on the Jersey shore, was heard by a hidden FBI microphone on May 24, 1965, as he talked to fellow mobsters. An FBI memo about that meeting, made available to The News, described Russo as contending that he had been interviewed by men who said they were CIA agents and were "bigger than the FBI."

Interpol Invoked

The memo said that "the CIA agents told Russo they were representing Interpol (an international police organization)." Russo replied "that he was in the building, drug, and liquor businesses, and did not want to waste his time and refused to talk further with them."

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